(e) whether Government would make enquiry on the whole episode and if need be refer the case to CBI for detailed enquiry; and

(f) whether the persons so recruited would be replaced by the deserving candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Since resumption of duty on 16-11-1990, seven Extra Departmental Employees were recruited by Sh. D. R. Wadhwa in Sonepat Division, Haryana.

(c) Out of seven, six Extra Departmental Agents were recruited directly and one through the Employment Exchange.

(d) Reasons for making direct recruitment are as under:

(i) In two cases nominations were not received from Employment Exchange within stipulated period of 30 days.

(ii) In two other cases candidates sponsored by Employment Exchange did not fulfill the prescribed eligibility conditions.

(iii) In remaining two cases, Superintendent of Posts Offices absorbed two Extra Departmental Employees, rendered surplus, in accordance with the instructions of the Department.

(e) In view of reply to paras (a), (b) and (c) the Department does not feel the necessity of holding enquiry into the matter.

(f) Question does not arise in view of reply to parts (a) to (c).

Speed Breakers on National Highways

1367. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are a large number of speed breakers on the National Highways without white markings on them in Maharashtra which result in accidents during nights and the steps taken by Government to bring these speed breakers to the national standard; and

(b) whether there is any plan for expansion of the National Highways in the near future in Maharashtra; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Though as per policy no speed breaker is permitted on National Highways, they have been unauthorisedly constructed at some locations. State Government has been advised to remove the same.

(b) The proposals for expansion of National Highways in Maharashtra can be considered only after finalization of the VIII Five Year Plan.

Visit of high level Netpalese task force to India

1368. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level Nepalese Task Force is visiting India shortly on economic cooperation between India and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the issues which are going to be discussed therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A high level Nepalese delegation visited India in connection with the second meeting of the Indo-Nepal High Level Task Force from September 1-3, 1991.

(b) A wide range of issues of mutual interest relating to bilateral economic cooperation were discussed at the meeting including trade, transit, control of unauthorised trade and cooperation in the fields of industry, civil aviation, education and culture. The High Level

Task Force is to prepare a comprehensive programme of bilateral economic cooperation between India and Nepal.

Regional Development Boards for Jammu, Ladak and Kashmir

1368. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of regional development boards separately for the three regions of the State, namely, Jammu, Ladaka and Kashmir;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and in what manner Government propose to develop these areas in a systematic manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to set up regional development boards. However, the Government of J & K have issued guidelines regarding constitution of the Advisory Groups to air and assist the District Development Commissioners in different aspects of District Administration including developmental matters.

Rehabilitation of Shoe-makers in Delhi

1370. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to rehabilitate the shoe-makers and repair workers of Delhi who are earning their livelihood on the pavements of roads;

(b) whether there is any proposal to issue them licences to work at their places of work to save them from harassment of police and DMC staff; and

(c) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Following a Writ Petition in the Supreme Court by the hawkers/squatters for allotment of kiosks/stalls, the New Delhi Municipal Committee formulated a scheme for rehabilitation of hawkers/squatters including shoe-makers/repairers operating in its area. It has, however, been restrained from issuing any fresh licences (Tehbazari) till the matter is finally decided by the Supreme Court.

पंजाब में मानवाधिकारों का कथित उल्लंघन

1371. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 25 अगस्त, 1991 के "ट्रिब्यून" में ह्यूमन राइट्स वायोलेशन इन पंजाब शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है और यदि हाँ, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ख) क्या उक्त रिपोर्ट में पंजाब समस्या के समाधान हेतु कतिपय सुझाव भी दिये गये हैं : और यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने सदर्भित समाचार देखा है । समाचार में उल्लिखित एशिया वाच की रिपोर्ट अभी तक नहीं प्राप्त हुई है और उसको प्राप्त करने के लिए प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं । रिपोर्ट के प्राप्त होने और उसकी जांच किए जाने के बाद आगे उचित और आवश्यक कार्रवाई की जायेगी ।